

St. Mary's & St. Columba's Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

Dei Verbum

Dei Verbum (Latin for The Word of God) is the Constitution on Divine Revelation from Vatican II. At only 26 numbered paragraphs it is by far the shortest of the Apostolic Constitutions from the Council, but it took three years of debate before it was agreed after the original version was thrown out. The document has plenty of technical language, but I do have a version in plain English – please ask if you'd like a copy.

Dei Verbum highlights the unity of Scripture and Tradition and urges Catholics to engage deeply with the Bible while respecting the Church's interpretative authority. Both the Old and New Testaments are important; Dei Verbum affirms the saying of Saint Augustine that “the New Testament is hidden in the Old, and that the Old Testament is manifest in the New”.

Chapter six starts with the most startling of statements: The Church venerates sacred Scripture and the Body of Christ with the same vigour. Both are celebrated in our Liturgy. The bread of life we are offered at Mass flows both from God's Word and Christ's Body. The altar around which we gather at Mass is both the table of the Word of God and the table of the Body of Christ. Do we consider the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist to be equal?

In Scripture, God meets us and speaks to us with great love. The power of the Word of God is so great that it is the support and energy of the whole Church, the pure source of the spiritual life. Because of this Dei Verbum requires easy access to Scripture for all the faithful which meant preparing new translations of Scripture in all the languages of the world.

The Council urged all preparing for ministry to be fully acquainted with Scripture. All who work in the Church must use Scripture as the basis of preaching, catechesis, and Christian instruction. Moreover, all the faithful should know Scripture, for through the words of these texts they meet Christ.

Just as the life of the Church is strengthened through more frequent celebration of the Eucharist, so it will be stimulated by a growing reverence for the Word of God. How often do you read the Bible?

Deacon Graeme

Please find below details of this week's Mass intentions and other services in our Parish of St. Mary's, Castletown (C/T), and St. Columba's, Port Erin (P/E).

Week commencing 29th September			
Sunday 29 th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Heyes Family People of the Parish
Monday 30 th September Memorial of St Jerome, Priest and Doctor			No Mass
Tuesday 1 st October Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	P/E	10 am	
Wednesday 2 nd October Memorial of The Guardian Angels	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 3 rd October Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Mr and Mrs O'Friel Diamond Wedding Anniversary Confession
Friday 4 th October Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 5 th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 6 th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Mr and Mrs O'Friel Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Response to the Psalm

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon.

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £250.51

Readers' Training: With the introduction of a new Lectionary from the start of Advent, all current and potential new readers are requested to attend some training. This will be held on Tuesday 15th and 22nd October at 7.30 pm in St. Columba's Hall. Both evenings will be required for the whole training. If you wish to continue reading but are unable to attend those dates, please contact Deacon Graeme to arrange an alternate time. **Please note corrected time.**

Walking Treasure Hunt: On Sunday, 6th October, starting at St Mary's in Castletown at 2 pm. Time to complete is around 1 1/2 hours followed by refreshments, answers and prize giving in St Mary's Church. Format - walk around the heart of Castletown answering quiz questions from clues found. If wet, a quiz will be held in St Mary's Church. Cost is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Interest in attendance is requested to help organise the catering. Please come and join in this fun social event and bring along your friends.

Catholic Herald: The Catholic Herald loved by Chesterton, Waugh, and Tolkien has been a bold and influential voice in the Church since 1888. It stands up for traditional values. The magazine contains book and art reviews, contributions from the best Catholic columnists, features, and interviews, as well as news from throughout the Church. Starting in October, our parish will be selling copies for £4.50. Please consider purchasing one to enjoy good Catholic reading and to support good Catholic journalism.

Thank you: We are thankful to Angela for chairing the South Family meeting, to Secretary Lynn and all who attended. It was a great start to discuss how we will implement the Synod 2020/21 and Synodality in our family parish. While some activities are already taking place, there is a need to reorganise and put them in the structure of the Synod 2020/21 and Synodality.

Christmas Wreath: Our annual wreath making class will be held in St Columba's Hall, Port Erin on Saturday, 7th December, from 10.00 am to 12.30pm. Cost is £18.00 which includes an oasis ring. To secure your place please email Sue at suemagee@me.com, and she will send full details in due course.

Christmas Fayre: Will be held on Saturday, 30th November, from 11 am until 1pm. Details will follow nearer the time all monies raised will go to help the St Vincent de Paul Society with their work.

Mass Intentions: Heyes Family and Mr and Mrs O'Friel.

Parish Diary:

5th October 10 am to 1 pm	Eucharistic Ministers training at St Anthony's Onchan.
6 October 2 pm	Walking Treasure Hunt.
9th October 8 pm	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Church.
12th October 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is "A Single Sunbeam." The speaker is Reverend Sharon Grenham-Thompson.
9th November 10am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is "Good News for the Poor." The speaker is Chris Lane.
30th November 11 am to 1 pm	Christmas Fayre at St Columba's Hall.
15th & 22nd October 7.30 pm	Readers Training at St Columba's Hall.
7th December 10 am to 12.30 pm	Christmas Wreath making class at St Columba's Hall.
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's Church.

If you are aware of future events, please let us know so we may add them to the diary.
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Second Collections for 2024

20 th October	APF World Missions
24 th November	Animate Youth
8 th December	Christmas flowers for both churches

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